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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 6, 2000

APPLICATION OF

WATERLOO PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATIONS CASE NO. PUE000287 WATER SYSTEM

For a certificate of public convenience and necessity and authorization to acquire utility assets

ORDER INVITING WRITTEN COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On March 23, 2000, Waterloo Property Owners Associations
Water System ("Waterloo" or "Company") filed an application for
a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing
the furnishing of water as required by §§ 56-265.1 and § 56265.2 of the Code of Virginia. As shown on maps and diagrams
filed with its application, the Company requests authority to
serve the Waterloo North and Waterloo South subdivisions in
Fauquier County. Included in the application was a copy of the
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors' resolution of May 15,
2000. The Board of Supervisors approved the filing of the
application.

In response to the Commission Staff's request, Waterloo,
Waterloo North Property Owners Association, Inc., and Waterloo
South Property Owners Association, Inc., supplemented the

application on August 21, 2000, to seek approval under the Utility Transfers Act, §§ 56-88 through 56-91 of the Code of Virginia. Waterloo proposes to acquire the water system from Waterloo North Property Owners Association, Inc., and Waterloo South Property Owners Association, Inc., at no cost. As provided by § 56-90 of the Code of Virginia, the Commission must authorize the transfer.

Waterloo also filed with the application its schedule of rates and rules and regulations. According to the application, as supplemented, the proposed rates and charges are identical to the rates and charges now applied. The Company proposes the following rates and charges for service:

Service connections-

The fee for installing a meter and providing a 3/4" connection for the year 2000 is \$400. This fee goes up \$100 on January 1 of each subsequent year as an assessment toward the system's reserve fund. The fee for 2001 is \$500, 2002 is \$600, etc.

<u>Metered Rates</u>-**Gallons per quarter**

To 6,000 gal-----\$88.75 min. water/system charge To 24,000 gal-----\$2.50 per 1000 gal. Over 30,000 gal-----\$3.15 per 1000 gal.

The minimum charge shall cover the first 6,000 gallons of usage per quarter.

Meters are read on or about the 15th of March, June, September, and December. Lot owners have until the 20th of the following month to pay their bills. After that date a 10% late fee is charged, and service may be discontinued when bills fall three months delinquent. Lot owners will be notified in writing that their service will be disconnected if the account is not

brought current within 10 days. If water is turned off, there is a reconnection charge of \$35.

Any charge that is the direct result of a single lot owner's actions will be passed on to that lot owner. This procedure covers charges for returned checks. It also includes charges for locating water lines accessing or on the lot, typically resulting from calling Miss Utility. Charges shall be those assessed the Company by the bank or contractor.

The Company's application, as supplemented, together with its rules and regulations of service may be viewed during regular business hours at the Commission's Document Control Center, Office of the Clerk, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. The application may also be inspected as ordered in (2) below.

Upon consideration of the application, the Commission finds that, as provided by §§ 56-88 through 56-91, 56-265.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this application should be docketed and that the Commission Staff should investigate the application and present its recommendations to the Commission. The Commission will also establish procedures for notice to the public and an opportunity to comment and to request a hearing on the application. If no requests for a hearing are received, the Commission may act on the application without further notice.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) As provided by §§ 56-88 through 56-92, 56-265.1, 56-265.2, and related provisions of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, this application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for authorization to acquire utility assets be docketed, be assigned Case No. PUE000287, and all associated papers be filed therein.
- (2) The Company shall make a copy of its application and exhibits available for public inspection upon reasonable request to Tom Rush, Administrator, Waterloo Property Owners Association Systems, 7581 Cannoneer Court, Warrenton, Virginia, (540) 349-2008.
- (3) On or before November 29, 2000, any interested person may file comments on the application with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments should refer to Case No. PUE000287.
- (4) On or before November 29, 2000, any person desiring a hearing in this matter shall file a request with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Requests shall refer to Case No. PUE000287. A copy of a request for hearing shall be sent to the Company's representative, C.T. Rush, P.O. Box 1187, Warrenton, Virginia 20188-1187. Any request for hearing shall

identify issues which cannot be resolved otherwise and which require a public hearing.

- (5) The Commission Staff shall review the application and shall file with the Clerk of the Commission, on or before

 January 8, 2001, a report presenting its findings and recommendations and shall serve a copy on the Company.
- (6) On or before January 24, 2001, the Company and any interested person may file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and four (4) copies of any comments on the Staff's report.
- (7) On or before October 25, 2000, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order on the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Fauquier County and the administrator of Fauquier County.

 Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business.
- (8) On or before November 1, 2000, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order on all customers. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the billing address.
- (9) On or before November 15, 2000, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of mailing of notice required in Ordering Paragraphs (7) and (8) and a certificate of mailing or delivery of notice required in Ordering Paragraph (8).